

The Four Tests of a True Believer
What God Can Do Through Ordinary You - Part 6

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Hebrews 11:8-19

Romans 4:11 (GNT) And so Abraham is the spiritual father of all who believe in God and are accepted as righteous by him...

Genesis 15:6 (NIV) [Abraham] believed the Lord, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

_____ - **someone who believes that human reason is unable to provide sufficient rational grounds to justify either the belief that God exists or the belief that God does not exist**

_____ - **someone who does not believe in the existence of God**

_____ - **someone who believes God exists**

James 2:19 (NIV) You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.

James 2:17 (NIV) In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

The Tests of a True Believer

Test #1: A _____ change

Hebrews 11:8 (NIV) By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going.

- **A real believer will _____ without knowing _____.**

Test #2: A _____ promise

Hebrews 11:9-10 (NIV) By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

- **A real believer will _____ without knowing _____.**

Test #3: An _____ problem

Hebrews 11:11-12 (NIV) And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

- **A real believer will _____ without knowing _____.**

Test #4: A _____ tragedy

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NIV) By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his one and only son, even though God had said to him, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead, and so in a manner of speaking he did receive Isaac back from death.

- **A real believer will _____ without knowing _____.**